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Committee set for 'boisterous' bylaws talks

NUISANCE? Bar patrons wandering the ByWard Market after closing time may soon have to be on their best behaviour.

Wednesday, the city's transportation committee is considering two new bylaws that would make it illegal for someone to be "loud, boisterous, threatening, abusive, or insulting" or engage in activities that could be deemed a nuisance to the general public or property owners adjacent to a road.

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Grammys **Beyoncé**

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Beyoncé Knowles performs last night during the 52nd annual Grammy Awards at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. The singer was up for 10 of the music awards. Coverage, page 16

Nurses eye potential shortage

Obama's health-care reforms spark concerns of exodus to U.S.

U.S. President Barack Obama's health-care package, although in political limbo, has nursing experts in Canada concerned about another exodus in their profession if provincial governments aren't vigilant in retaining nurses.

Canada will be short almost 66,000 registered nurses by 2022, said the Canadian Nurses Association. As of 2007, the country had 217,000 registered nurses delivering care but needed about 11,000 more, it added.

"We're always very concerned when we see potential of a renewed migration," said Rachel Bard, the CEO of the association.

"What is happening in the U.S. is a potential threat, because we already know that the United States is (going to be) short over 750,000 registered nurses (by 2020)."

House and Senate Democratic leaders in the U.S. are scrambling to see if they can salvage Obama's ambitious health-care plan, which Republicans almost universally oppose. If it passes, the U.S. could embark on a renewed search for nurses abroad, Bard said.

The worldwide recession has reduced inpatient admissions and decreased the demand in the U.S., but Linda Aiken, a professor of nursing at the University of Pennsylvania, said her country will see a surge in the call for nurses as the economy improves.

"The U.S. Department of Labor estimates that over the next decade, more jobs will be created for RNs than in any other job category," Aiken said.

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Employment

- In the early '90s, "we lost tons (of nurses)," said Doris Grinspun, the executive director of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario.
- Slowly, some provinces bounced back. From 2003, Ontario increased the full-time employment of nurses to almost 70 per cent.
- In Alberta, however, only 40 per cent of the graduating class this year will be able to find work.

Seven up for race to run city

ELECTION The mayor's race is getting crowded.

Jim Watson is planning to submit his registration papers this morning, making him the seventh person to throw his name in the ring.

Watson will join Stanley Pioro, 57, the owner and operator of Gear Up Motors. Pioro, who is making his first run for mayor, said he's running because he is "thoroughly disgusted with the way the city is being run at the present time."

Robert Larter is making his second run for mayor. He earned 667 votes in 2006.

Other mayoral candidates are Jane Scharf, Robert Gauthier, Sean Ryan, and Bay Ward Coun. Alex Cullen, who was the first to register.

In the council race, writer Katherine Hobbs is registered to run in Kitchissippi Ward. The election is Oct. 25.

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Local

Swarming at McDonald's

Ottawa police are investigating a robbery/swarming that occurred at a downtown McDonald's fast food establishment Saturday. At about 9:30 p.m., seven or eight males assaulted and robbed several teenagers at 99 Rideau St. Anyone with information is asked to contact the robbery unit at 613-236-1222 ext. 5116 or Crime Stoppers at 613-233-TIPS.

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Alzheimer's walk sets record

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It's tough to see a loved one slowly slip away in the grasp of Alzheimer's disease.

Just ask Kate Jordan.

The 14-year-old's grandmother first showed signs of Alzheimer's 10 years ago. The disease has progressed quickly in the last five years, and now, Jordan's grandmother is in a long-term care facility. She and her family visit every Sunday, but her grandmother doesn't recognize her. "It's sad," she said.

Yesterday, Jordan and her mother, Lynda Colley, participated in the Manulife Walk for Memories.

Held at Carleton University's fieldhouse, the walk had 388 participants and raised a record $148,017 for programs, education and research through the Alzheimer Society of Ottawa and Renfrew County.

"This is fantastic," said society spokeswoman Debbie Seto. "We raised $120,000 last year. This year, the goal was $140,000."

There are 13,000 people living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in Ottawa and Renfrew County.

"This is fantastic." Debbie Seto, spokeswoman

Mayor Larry O'Brien, who proclaimed yesterday Alzheimer Awareness Day in Ottawa, recalled how the disease affected a business associate and his mother.

"I saw firsthand what (the disease) did to a very powerful man," he said. "And my mom suffered from dementia. It was never formally diagnosed as Alzheimer's, but she was very bad off before she passed about 10 years ago."

The disease has also touched Ottawa West-Nepean MPP Jim Watson's family.

Watson, whose mother is in the early stages of Alzheimer's, said he knows "firsthand that it is often the family that needs support because of the stress that Alzheimer's puts on all of us," he said.

And unless something is done, the numbers will increase, said president of the Alzheimer Society of Ottawa and Renfrew County Marg Egan. "That is why this is so very important."

Recording the stories of veterans

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HISTORY The stories of Canadian veterans that may have never been told are now out there, thanks to a renowned author with a talent for getting stories from men and women in uniform.

Ted Barris, who has talked with 3,000 veterans over the last 25 years, spoke about his work and his latest book, Breaking the Silence: Untold Veterans' Stories from the Great War to Afghanistan yesterday at the Canadian War Museum.

Getting veterans to talk is no easy task, Barris said.

"It's the trauma of their experience ... there is also an unwritten code among veterans not to say anything," he said.

But when "you get a witness to deliver those experiences ... it's different from the antiseptic account," he said. "It's more interesting.

"We can give a face to the war."

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Chiarelli to run for Grits in West-Nepean

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Former Ottawa mayor Bob Chiarelli, left, is congratulated on his nomination as the Liberal party candidate in Ottawa West-Nepean by Ottawa Centre MPP and Ontario Liberal Party president Yasir Naqvi, centre, and Jim Watson, who is stepping down as the riding's MPP to run for mayor of Ottawa.

POLITICS As expected, former Ottawa mayor Bob Chiarelli was chosen as the provincial Liberal party candidate for Ottawa West-Nepean at a nomination meeting yesterday.

Chiarelli is stepping into the position that will be vacated by Jim Watson, who is stepping down to run for mayor, a position Chiarelli held from 1997 until 2006.

No date has been set for the byelection, since Watson will not officially resign from his position until this morning.

Chiarelli's main competition for the seat will come from one of the two Conservative candidates.

Community activist Beth Graham, 55 and Mike Patton, 46, a former press secretary for Mayor Larry O'Brien, are both running for the Conservative nomination.

Mark MacKenzie, who owns and operates Appleseed Snowblowing, a company whose vehicles are fuelled by vegetable oil biodiesel, has been nominated to run for the Green party in the riding.

A candidate for the NDP will be selected at a nomination meeting early this month.

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Haitian adoptees reach Canada

Another group of adoptees from earthquake ravaged Haiti arrived in Canada Saturday, greeted by frigid Canadian temperatures. An Air Canada Airbus carried almost 60 adoptees. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

OPP searching for missing woman

The Ontario Provincial Police took to the air yesterday as they ramped up their search for a Belleville, Ont., woman who was last heard from on Thursday. The OPP deployed a helicopter over the Belleville area to look for Jessica Elizabeth Lloyd, 27, who disappeared under what police consider to be suspicious circumstances.

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Taliban wooing could backfire: Envoy

AFGHANISTAN Canada's top envoy in Afghanistan warns wooing the Taliban could backfire on coalition forces if peaceful Afghans feel put out.

William Crosbie, Canada's ambassador to Afghanistan, said yesterday the gesture is pointless if others perceive the Taliban as being favoured.

A scheme to lure moderate militants from the insurgency's more radical elements emerged from a recent international conference in London. The plan involves paying out hundreds of millions of dollars to low-and mid-level Talibs in the hopes they'll defect.

Jobs and vocational training to militants who lay down their arms would also be offered under the scheme.

But Crosbie cautioned against any move that makes ordinary Afghans feel like the Taliban are getting a better deal than they are.

"There's no point developing some kind of a fund to which former insurgents are eligible if we're not equally providing support to Afghans who are not part of the insurgency now," he said.

"So we don't want to create the impression that somehow if you're a member of the insurgency that you would be uniquely be able to benefit from the fund." THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

HAITI Canada's Disaster Assistance Response Team is putting a new tool in the field in earthquake shattered Haiti. The DART will send out a mobile medical team for the first time in Haiti. In an email, Canadian Forces Major Bernard Dionne says the area has been assessed as one where many Haitians suffered injuries.

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Phillion seeks to clear name

A man whose decades-old murder conviction was overturned by Ontario's top court will be in an Ottawa court today asking it to go one step further and exonerate him.

Romeo Phillion, 70, served nearly 32 years in prison based on a confession he recanted in the 1967 stabbing death of Ottawa firefighter Leopold Roy.

The Court of Appeal for Ontario overturned Phillion's murder conviction last March and ordered a new trial, but made it clear it had not concluded Phillion was innocent.

Following that ruling the attorney general withdrew the charge, but both Phillion and his lawyer say that's not enough.

"I don't want to go to my grave without my name cleared," Phillion said in a telephone interview.

"Come on, now. I didn't commit this crime."

The Crown has said they would not proceed with a retrial on the merits of the case.

In ordering a new trial the Appeal Court gave the Crown three options: staying the charge, withdrawing the charge or arraigning Phillion and offering no evidence, which would lead to an acquittal.

His lawyer, James Lockyer, will be arguing that instead of the withdrawal the Crown has chosen, the court should order that Phillion be arraigned so he can plead not guilty and be acquitted.

"He deserves to be acquitted," Lockyer said.

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Romeo Phillion laughs with his sister Simonne Snowdon and brother Armand Phillion after the Court of Appeal in Ontario overturned his decades-old murder conviction last year in this file photo. The court ordered a new trial, but made it clear it had not concluded Phillion was innocent. Phillion now wants the court to go one step further and exonerate him.

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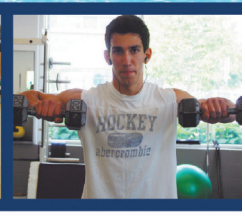

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Saskatchewan reserve scrambles for supplies after fire
A fire inside the water treatment plant of the Yellow Quill First Nation has the reserve scrambling for alternate supplies, CBC News Online reports. The reserve is home to about 1,000 people and is located in the Rose Valley area, about 200 kilometres east of Saskatoon. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Calgary **Hay day for sled teams**

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The Night of the Living Sled team representing the University of Calgary plows through a bale of hay while competing in the 36th annual Great Northern Concrete Toboggan Race at the Glen Eden Ski and Snowboard Centre in Milton, Ont., Saturday. Four hundred engineering students from 19 Canadian universities designed and raced sleds made of metal with a concrete sliding surface.

Ottawa keeps ears on Northern waters

Experimental listening devices installed at choke points

A small team of scientists is returning to the icy shores of the Northwest Passage this summer to install experimental listening devices that could one day keep a 24-hour watch for anything travelling on, over or under waters Canada claims as its own.

"We're looking at surface shipping and any underwater vehicles that may be moving through the area," says Lt.-Cmdr. Bruce Grychkowski, project manager of Northern Watch, which plans to plant a series of surveillance devices deep underwater at a choke point along the passage on the Barrow Strait.

Now in its third year, the Northern Watch program calls for the installation of a set of six different monitors at Gascoyne Inlet on Devon Island.

One sensor array will snake deep underwater 11 kilometres out to sea. Two others will track automatic identification broadcasts now mandatory on both large ships and planes.

A radar intercept system will detect the presence of navigational radar. A special Canadian-designed radar should be precise enough to detect small boats or icebergs.

Finally, an optical system will use laser and infrared imagers to peer across the icy waters to the far shore. A weather station will complete the project.

The devices will be left unmanned and will beam data up to an overhead satellite. In October, scientists in Halifax will begin a 12-month test to see how well the devices work in the harsh Arctic environment.

The sensors should give Canada a much better idea of who's using the Arctic than do current satellite scans, says Grychkowski.

Northern Watch "is looking at the same area all the time," he says. "A satellite will visit the area so many times a day."

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More traffic

• Coast Guard figures show there were 62 commercial and re-supply ships and three ore carriers in the passage in 2008 — more than the 54 ships, including research and recreational vessels, that entered those waters four years earlier. An increasing number of recreational sailors are also braving the legendary waterway. Earlier this year, a Senate report recommended the government beef up control of the Northwest Passage by improving surveillance along it. That will also improve search and rescue capability in the area by giving searchers a definite point when and where vessels or aircraft were last seen, Grychkowski says.

Town reels after skiing deaths

ACCIDENT A close-knit southern Ontario community mourned Saturday in coffee shops and hockey arenas as word spread that two members of the town lost their lives in a skiing accident in British Columbia.

"They're pretty much in shock. I think the reality of it has begun to sink in and now we're just trying to cope with it, trying to understand," said a stunned Ken Watson, manager of the Grimsby Minor Hockey Association, as he described how the deaths of Steve Babb, 47, and Sam Vogl, 17, have rocked the small town.

Babb, his son Colin, 16, and the teen's friend, Vogl took to the slopes Thursday afternoon at Revelstoke Mountain Resort in B.C.'s interior when they decided to go off the groomed path.

They skied to the base of a steep, icy incline, and tried to walk up it, but instead fell, sliding 100 metres before going over a cliff.

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N.B. Tory leader calls deal panel 'irrelevant'

NB POWER A provincially appointed panel will release its opinion today on a controversial deal to sell major NB Power assets to Hydro-Quebec, but New Brunswick's Opposition leader is already dismissing its work.

Conservative Leader David Alward maintains the six-person panel appointed last November by Premier Shawn Graham to provide independent advice has been "irrelevant from square one."

He also questions the legitimacy of the panel's report, which will be presented in Fredericton by chair David Ganong and panel member Louis LaPierre. Alward believes the report will amount to a "public relations exercise" on behalf of a government that has already made up its mind to proceed with what is now a $3.2-billion deal that would see Hydro-Quebec get New Brunswick's hydro, diesel and nuclear generating plants and its transmission exports to the United States.

"There are good people on this panel. Unfortunately, they've been asked to do an impossible task by the premier."
David Alward, New Brunswick Opposition leader

"There are good people on this panel," Alward said. "Unfortunately, they've been asked to do an impossible task by the premier. ... And just like the premier's deal, their work has been behind closed doors in secrecy, and that is unacceptable."

The panel is tasked with offering advice on whether the proposed sale is in the best interests of the public.

It's since been assessing the financial implications of the deal, its impact on New Brunswick's future energy sovereignty and its long-term effects on residential power rates.

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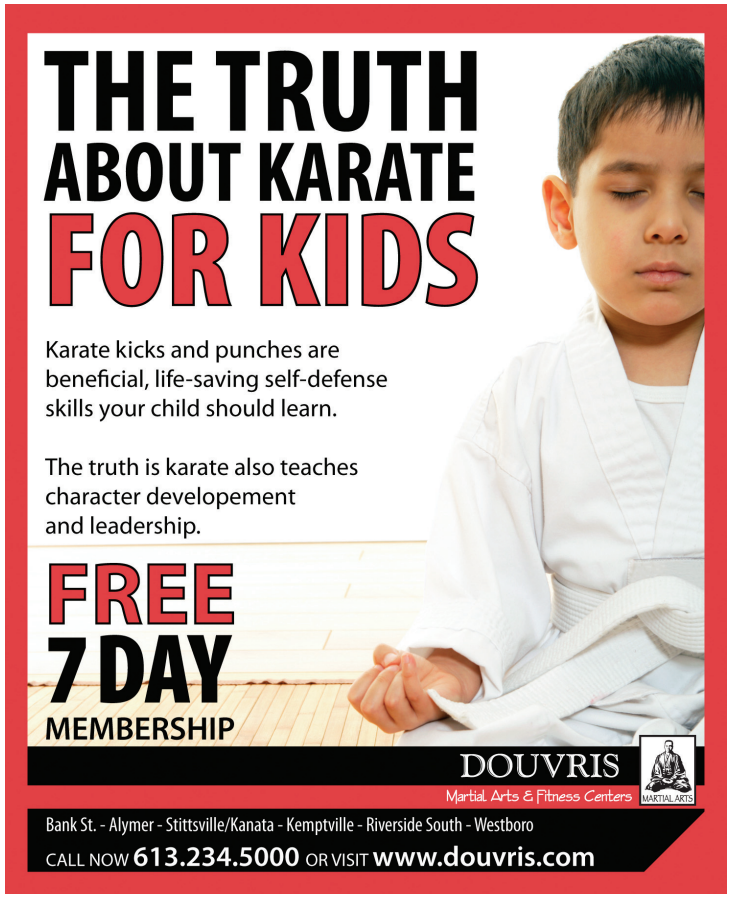

U.S. to consider local opinion on where to hold terror trials

The Obama administration said yesterday it would consider local opposition when deciding where to hold Sept. 11 terror trials. Objections from New York City officials and residents have intensified since the Justice Department announced it planned to put Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and other accused Sept. 11 conspirators on trial in lower Manhattan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

From YouTube to Davos

Anti-female genital mutilation activist Julia Lalla-Maharajh, left, addressed the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, on Saturday. The British activist took her appeal against the practice online and won the YouTube Davos Debates, a contest meant to give the winner the chance to pitch their cause at the forum. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Groups roll out women-only aid

Haiti Crisis

Relief workers began handing out women-only food coupons, launching a new phase of what they hope will be less cutthroat aid distribution to ensure that families and the weak get supplies following Haiti's devastating quake.

Young men often force their way to the front of aid lines or steal from others, meaning aid doesn't reach the neediest at distribution centres, according to aid groups.

The World Food Program coupons can be turned in by women at 16 sites in the capital, and entitle each family to 25 kilograms of rice. United Nations officials say they are still far short of reaching all two million quake victims estimated to need food aid.

Meanwhile, doctors skirted a bureaucratic logjam to save the life of three critically ill child victims of the earthquake on yesterday, flying them to U.S. hospitals on a private jet to avoid a military suspension of medical evacuation flights.

A five-year-old tetanus victim, a 14-month-old boy with pneumonia and a baby with third-degree burns were sent to Philadelphia by the aid group Partners in Health.

The airlift had been in doubt after the U.S. military stopped medical evacuation flights Wednesday because of apparent concerns over the long-term costs to U.S. public hospitals of absorbing seriously injured patients. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Health concerns

- Shortages of food, clean water, shelter and latrines are creating a potential spawning ground for epidemics in a country with an estimated one million people made homeless by the Jan. 12 quake.
- In one camp, a single portable toilet served about 2,000 people, forcing most to use a gutter that runs next to an area where vendors cook food and mothers struggle to bathe their children.

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Economic strategies for future uncertain: Delegates

DAVOS The world's foremost gathering of business and government leaders wrapped up a five-day meeting yesterday with agreement that a fragile recovery is under way but no consensus on what's going to spur job growth and prevent another global meltdown.

In a group of power players attending the annual World Economic Forum, there was some humility and a realization that overcoming the first global financial crisis is uncharted territory.

The gathering of some 2,500 VIPs in this Swiss resort saw much debate on whether more regulation is needed for the financial industry and how to lower global unemployment and find ways to ensure the recovery is kept on course.

Deutsche Bank chief executive Josef Ackerman told a closing panel that decision-makers now had a tough choice: "Should we take more risk, be a creative force for growth, or should we focus on security?" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hamas leader an arms smuggler: Israeli officials

ASSASSINATION Israeli officials said yesterday that a Hamas commander assassinated in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, played a central role in smuggling weapons from Iran to Gaza militants. But they refused to say whether Israel was responsible for killing the man it had sought for two decades. Leaders of the Iranian-backed Hamas have accused Israel of killing Mahmoud al-Mabhouh in a posh Dubai hotel Jan. 20 and threatened revenge, though they have provided little evidence to support their claim. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

CHINA A moderate quake jolted southwestern China Saturday afternoon, killing one person and injuring 12 others, officials said. The quake registered a magnitude of 5.2, the U.S. Geological Survey said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. group held after trying to take kids across border

Haiti Crisis

PORT-AU-PRINCE Ten U.S. Baptists were being held in the Haitian capital yesterday after trying to take 33 children out of Haiti at a time of growing fears over possible child trafficking.

The church members, most from Idaho, said they were trying to rescue abandoned children. But officials said they lacked the proper documents when they were arrested Friday night in a bus along with earthquake survivors ages two months to 12 years.

The group said it wanted to help the children by taking them to an orphanage across the border in the Dominican Republic. "In this chaos the government is in right now, we were just trying to do the right thing," said the group's spokesperson, Laura Silsby, at the police headquarters in the capital, where they were being held pending a hearing today. No charges had been filed.

The children were taken to an orphanage run by Austrian-based SOS Children's Villages, which was trying to find their parents or close relatives, a spokesperson there said.

The group planned to take 100 kids by bus to a 45-room hotel at Cabarete, a beach resort in the Dominican Republic, that they were converting into an orphanage, Silsby said.

The group put themselves in the middle of a firestorm in Haiti, where leaders have suspended adoptions amid fears that children are more vulnerable than ever to trafficking. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fake agencies

- The intergovernmental International Organization for Migration reported in 2007 that bogus agencies in Haiti were offering children for processing fees reaching $10,000 US.

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A girl who lives at an orphanage run by Austria-based SOS Children's Villages carries an infant in Port-au-Prince yesterday.

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Beastly compensation for love tryst
Malaysian court has ordered two lovers to pay a fine of four buffaloes and a pig after they had an illicit affair. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fly me to the moon

Getting to space is about to be outsourced.

The Obama administration today will propose in its new budget spending billions of dollars to encourage private companies to build, launch and operate spacecraft for NASA and others. Uncle Sam would buy its astronauts a ride into space just like hopping in a taxi.

The idea is that getting astronauts into orbit, which NASA has been doing for 49 years, is getting to be so old hat that someone other than the government can do it. Going private would free the space agency to do other things, such as explore beyond Earth's orbit, do more research and study the Earth with better satellites. And it would spur a new generation of private companies — even some with Internet roots — to innovate.

But there's some concern about that — from former NASA officials worried about safety and from congressional leaders worried about lost jobs.

Proponents of private space point to the airline industry in its infancy. Initially the Army flew most planes. But private companies eventually started building and operating aircraft, especially when they got a guaranteed customer in the U.S. government to deliver air mail.

That's what NASA would be: a guaranteed customer to ferry astronauts to the International Space Station through 2020. It would be similar to the few years that NASA paid Russia to fly astronauts on its Soyuz after the Columbia accident in 2003.

"With a $6-billion program you can have multiple winners," said John Gedmark, executive director of the Commercial Spaceflight Federation.

Mike Gold, corporate counsel at Bigelow Aerospace, which is building the first commercial space station and is a potential spacecraft provider, believes the government should have privatized astronaut launchings decades ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Private space

- The White House has said it will be adding $5.9 billion to the overall NASA budget over five years. Proponents of private space believe most or all of it will go there.

China **The mother lode**

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A passenger hurries to catch her train in Nanchang, east China, on Saturday, the start of the traditional lunar new year. About 2.5 billion journeys will be made by festival's end, March 10.

Opposition leaders detained

MOSCOW Russian police broke up anti-Kremlin protests in Moscow and St. Petersburg yesterday, and detained scores of demonstrators, including several opposition leaders.

Several hundred demonstrators gathered in a central Moscow square, defying a ban imposed by authorities. The protesters said their rally was banned in violation of the Russian constitution's guarantee of the right to gather.

They denounced the policies of President Dmitry Medvedev and his predecessor and mentor Vladimir Putin, who continues to wield broad powers as Russia's powerful prime minister. Protesters shouted "Shame!" and "Down with Putin!" as police in riot gear pushed them into buses. Several dozen protesters were detained, including opposition leaders Boris Nemtsov, Eduard Limonov, Ilya Yashin, and the head of the Memorial rights group, Oleg Orlov.

Police spokesperson Viktor Biryukov said about 300 people took part in the rally and about 100 were detained. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rumours swirl over militant's demise

PAKISTAN The Pakistani government was investigating reports yesterday that Pakistani Taliban leader Hakimullah Mehsud died from injuries sustained in a U.S. missile strike launched in mid-January after he helped orchestrate a deadly bombing against the CIA in Afghanistan.

Mehsud's predecessor was killed in a missile strike less than six months ago, and inflicting another blow to the militant group's leadership would be an important success for both Pakistan and the U.S.

The U.S. unleashed more than a dozen drone strikes in the month following the Dec. 30 suicide bombing against the CIA in Afghanistan, and Mehud's death would be further proof of the ability of the unmanned aircraft to target Taliban and al-Qaida leaders holed up in Pakistan's lawless tribal areas.

Pakistani government officials said they were investigating whether Mehsud was mortally wounded in one of those strikes after state television reported that he died in Orakzai, an area in Pakistan's tribal region where he was supposedly being treated for his injuries.

"We have these reports coming to us," army spokesman Gen. Athar Abbas said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Imagining better days

The future of light rail in Ottawa appears to be on hold once again while our esteemed city council grapples with more prosaic issues like the $37-million cost overrun on our $60-million bus garage.

Two councillors, who were presumably present when council voted in favour of previous spending increases, were last week expressing complete shock and calling for an audit of OC Transpo's operations. Must be an election year.

On days like these, when those shiny conceptual drawings of our downtown transit tunnel seem further away than ever, a ride on the O-Train is a way to imagine better days.

It is sometimes said of Ottawa that we don't have a transit system, but rather a bus company. This is refuted only by the O-Train, which came on line in 2001.

As far as convenience goes, travellers without bus passes may find it wanting. Cash only, no transit tickets. Also, when I boarded Thursday afternoon, the fare machine was doing a fine job of accepting money, but rather less well at dispensing tickets. Another passenger advised me the machine at Carleton University was similarly on the blink. So this is the future of public transit.

I got on anyway, curious to see if OC Transpo's crack team of fare enforcement officers would bother to patrol for O-Train freeloaders. It didn't.

The ride itself was quiet and smooth, and hardly crowded, with plenty of comfortably upholstered seats available. Passengers at this time of day are overwhelmingly student-age, but despite this coveted demographic, advertisers have not found their way onboard, and the train is free of commercial come-ons.

"It is sometimes said of Ottawa that we don't have a transit system, but rather a bus company. This is refuted only by the O-Train, which came on line in 2001."

The only signs posted were from OC Transpo, this one instructing me to break the windows with the hammer in case of emergency, that one warning me against misuse of the hammer, another threatening a $125 fine for putting one's feet up on those seats. Again, I saw no sign of Transpo Five-O to enforce these edicts.

The O-Train transports up to 12,000 people a day, and would probably enjoy more ridership if it actually went somewhere. Instead, its eight-kilometre run connects the Big Box Nowheresville of Greenboro to the south with the wind-swept tundra of Bayview to the north.

Enthusiasts, like Friends of the O-Train, have proposed extensions to Gatineau, Barrhaven or even (imagine!) the airport. Taxi operators would howl, of course, as they did when Vancouver opened the Canada Line last summer, but let 'em.

In the meantime, the O-Train is the only light rail we've got, and it looks like it will have to hold us for a while.

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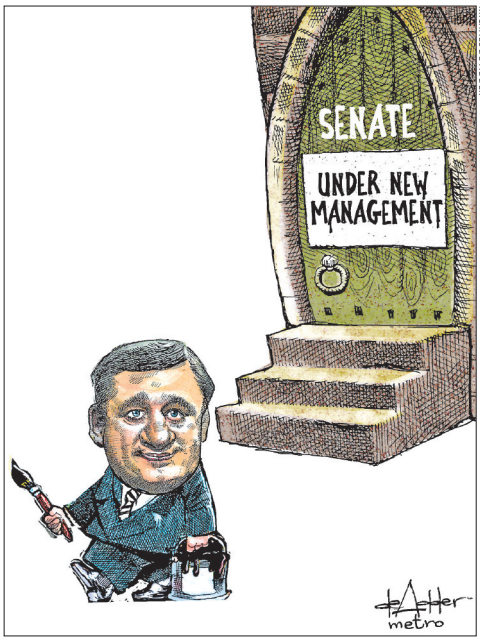

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Views

Big Moments change your life forever

An old and very wise piece of advice goes: If you don't want to annoy anyone, don't talk about politics or religion. So, today, I'm going to avoid talking about politics.

For the last few years I've been training to become a minister in the United Church of Canada. This past week I had my final interview. Many years of study and training came down to the result of a two-hour chat. After which I would either be: a) approved to do a job I've worked for, planned for, and know I'll love, or b) cast into the world with no hope, no future and no obvious reason for existing. Frankly, I was hoping for the former.

An interview like this is what I call a Big Moment. Sometimes, this kind of moment is marked by saying memorable words such as, "I do," or "Oh my God, the test strip is blue. I told you to stop buying contraception products at the dollar store!" In any case, a Big Moment means your life is about to change forever.

To prepare for this Big Moment, I had a plan:

First, I prayed. I've had training in praying. I raised two teenagers.

Next, I checked out advice on interview techniques. These include tips such as, "Go in knowing something about the CEO." In my case, this would be God. Or, "Be prepared to ask questions." A classmate who did his final interviews last year said, "This is a good idea. I would have asked if there was somewhere I could go to throw up."

"Big Moments happen all the time ... But there is a plan that will help you be prepared. Let go and enjoy the ride."

I also read not to take someone with you to the interview, "Always go alone." This was a problem. If there's one thing we're taught in religious school, it's that we're never alone.

Finally, I took the precaution of making a list of all the things my training would qualify me to do, should I not pass. These included, "Sell pencils on street corner, offer self to aliens as human sample, and learn not to eat." It's good to know your options.

I'm happy to say I passed. I will be ordained in May.

So, is my future set? Of course not. Big Moments happen all the time. Life can turn on a dime. But there is a plan that will help you be prepared. Let go and enjoy the ride.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

Worth mentioning

Twitter, texting partly to blame for bad grammar

Little or no grammar teaching, cellphone texting, social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter, all are being blamed for an increasingly unacceptable number of post-secondary students who can't write properly.

For years there's been a flood of anecdotal complaints from professors about what they say is the wretched state of English grammar coming from some of their students.

Now there seems to be some solid evidence.

Ontario's Waterloo University is one of the few post-secondary institutions in Canada to require the students they accept to pass an exam testing their English language skills.

Almost one-third of those students are failing.

"Thirty per cent of students who are admitted are not able to pass at a minimum level," says Ann Barrett, managing director of the English language proficiency exam at Waterloo University.

Writing horrors

- Emoticons, happy faces, sad faces, cuz, are just some of the writing horrors being handed in, say professors and administrators at Simon Fraser. "Little happy faces ... or a sad face ... little abbreviations," show up even in letters of academic appeal, says Rummana Khan Hemani, Simon Fraser's director of academic advising.

Barrett says the failure rate has jumped five percentage points in the past few years, up to 30 per cent from 25 per cent.

"What has happened in high school that they cannot pass our simple test of written English, at a minimum?" she asks.

Even those with good marks out of Grade 12, so-called elite students, "still can't pass our simple test," she says.

At Simon Fraser University in British Columbia, one in 10 new students are not qualified to take the mandatory writing courses required for graduation.

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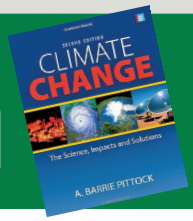

Science of change

Barry Pittock is one of the world's leading authorities on climate change, having led the Climate Impact Group in CSIRO. His book, Climate Change: The Science, Impacts and Solutions, presents complex climate issues with clarity. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Hope for Haiti housing

Retrofitting common shipping boxes a possible solution

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News

Thirteen months ago, a team of researchers at Clemson University, including Pernille Christensen, Martha Skinner and Doug Hecker, developed a concept, SEED, providing temporary relief for victims of natural disasters.

Their method involves turning used shipping containers into sustainable housing.

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Researchers hope to turn shipping containers into a sustainable and emergency housing solution.

SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE SHIP

In order for SEED to work, you need a surplus of shipping containers, a port and labor. When recent mudslides in Columbia left thousands homeless, the lack of port action meant SEED was unable to take action.

The Caribbean, bordered by the ocean and whose surplus of imports over exports means an accumulation of shipping containers, is ideal — there are an estimated 30 million unused containers.

"Sometimes it's cheaper for the containers to remain in port than for them to get sent back. We want to achieve a system whereby we have the containers ready in case of an emergency," explains Christensen.

One 40-foot shipping container can carry up to 67,200 pounds (an average family of 5) and resist overturn when exposed to winds of up to 140 mph.

SHORT TERM SOLUTION

Ideally, SEED would like the shipping containers to be set in place if there were to be a disaster. The emergency homes would be able to withstand extreme weather conditions and provide other housing solution rather than tents.

According to Hecker, Haiti isn't quiet ready for the containers.

"When we will be able to set up homes for the estimated 400,000 homeless remains ambiguous. We are hoping it will be in the next month, but this will depend on capturing the surplus of containers, getting the professionals there and all other logistical issues."

400,000

It is estimated following the earthquake that rocked Haiti, that more than 400,000 people have been left homeless or forced to live in temporary tent cities.

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The containers could also be used for growing crops.

LONG TERM SOLUTION

In the long term, SEED wants to use the containers as a basis for distraught communities to re-connect.

Hecker and Christensen are working on the customization of the containers.

"After natural disasters, the soil loses its nutritional value so we've designed an emergency garden. We've identified local plant cycles ones that grow fast and produce the fruit and vegetables necessary for the community to become self-sufficient, such as bread fruit, yams and potatoes," explains Christensen. In the long run that would involve looking at the nutritional cycle and growing additional staples such as mangoes, papayas and bananas.

"As the poorest country in the Caribbean, it's a worse case scenario," explains Hecker.

But only once SEED has established shipping contacts and some sort of functioning infrastructure, will they be able to fully implement the project in Haiti.

"Because of the scale of the disaster, there is currently a surplus of containers which have been used to ship in emergency good," says Skinner. In the long run, SEED would be able to convert these into houses.

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This take on a treehouse is a unique twist on green architecture.

Green architecture on the grow

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
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ECO-HOUSING Built within a centurion sweet chestnut tree, perche dans la Peche is a unique twist on green architecture and design.

The owners, couple Claire Stickland and Ivan Payonne, wanted to build something that would be in harmony with the local environment and landscape, and their tree was their answer.

"One issue we had was fitting construction plans around the branches. The wood in itself, red cedar is perfect because it requires no treatment, in fact the less treatment the better," says Stickland.

For isolation, the couple used Triso Aluminum and hemp and grey water in the kitchen and the shower.

"We wanted to install dry toilets but as it's a guesthouse, we didn't want to make it awkward for whoever was staying, it can be a cultural issue. We may eventually build a separate unit in the field where we can install these as they are more environmentally friendly," explains Stickland.

For the heating, they had no choice but go for electric as the trees leaves made solar energy an inefficient method.

In terms of the linen, its all organic cotton.

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Greenpeace slams emission targets

Environmentalists and opposition politicians are dismissing the Conservative government's latest pledge to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, with one group predicting they'll actually increase under a new agreement hammered out last year.

The federal government formally notified the United Nations that Canada will cut its carbon emissions by 17 per cent from 2005 levels over the next 10 years as part of the Copenhagen Accord on climate change, Environment Minister Jim Prentice said Saturday.

But a spokesman for Greenpeace says these targets will actually increase emissions, not lower them.

While the government's previous emission targets,

"We're heading in exactly the opposite direction that we need to head."
Dave Martin, Greenpeace

announced in 2006, would have resulted in a three per cent reduction in emissions over 1990 levels, these latest targets will actually increase emissions by 2.5 per cent, said Dave Martin, a climate and energy co-ordinator with Greenpeace. "We're heading in exactly the opposite direction that we need to head," Martin said.

The Canadian targets are similar to those of the United States, something the federal government planned all along, Prentice said.

"Throughout the Copenhagen negotiations we maintained that our clear policy was to support the outcome of Copenhagen and also to align our clean energy and climate change policies with those of the Obama administration," he said.

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Gasoline Chevron posts loss

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The reflection from a gas tanker truck is shown at a Chevron gas station in San Francisco. Chevron announced this weekend that its fourth-quarter profit fell 37 per cent as higher crude prices led to huge losses in its refining business.

Plenty on tap for Games

BEER Molson Coors, the official supplier of beer for the 2010 Olympics, is doubling the number of brews they're doing per week and have added shifts to make more cans and kegs.

Across B.C., it's estimated that 36 million cans of all beer will be consumed in February, up seven million cans from normal, according to Molson's forecasts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Newsprint prices dive

PAPER Ever since Richard Garneau began his tenure as chief executive of Catalyst Paper in 2007, he has watched the prices of its products plummet beyond anything he'd experienced over his 30 years in the industry.

Demand for newsprint has collapsed and prices and profitability in the industry has deteriorated, due to the rise of digital media, and aggravated by the recession.

And Garneau said it's unlikely the industry will ever return to 2005 levels of consumption.

"I'm no fool that in 2010 we're going to see improvement," said Garneau "I think it may take probably another year before we see a recovery."

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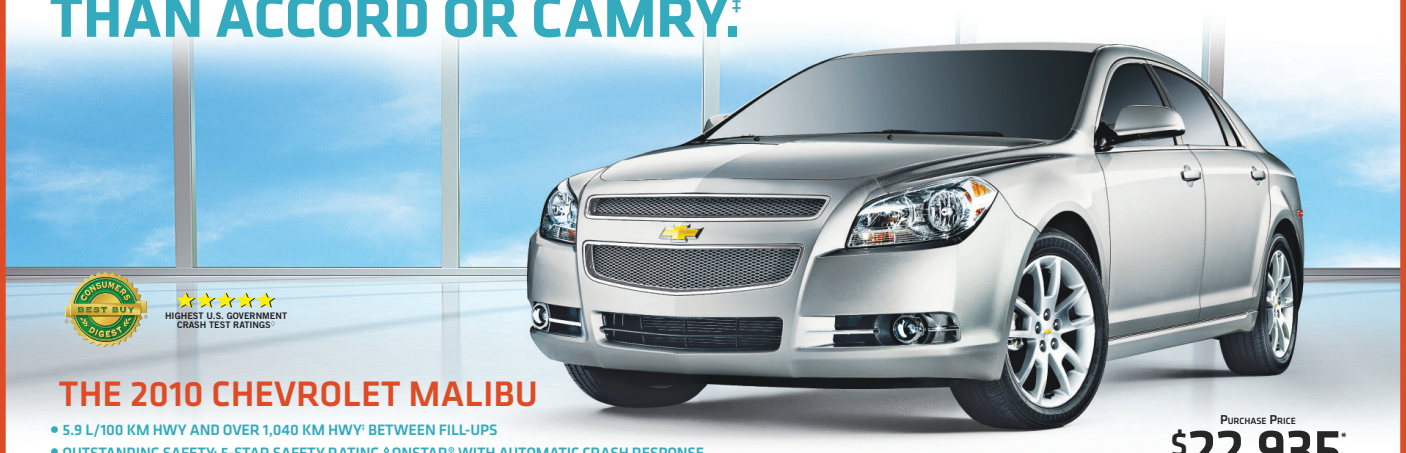

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Egypt wins African Cup title
Substitute Mohamed Gedo scored in the 85th minute yesterday to help Egypt beat Ghana 1-0 and secure its third straight title at the African Cup of Nations. Tournament debutant Gedo curled in a shot from within the area to give Egypt its record seventh title. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Schumacher set for return

The new Formula One campaign begins today with the start of pre-season testing that will also bring the return of German Michael Schumacher at Mercedes GP after three years out of motor racing's premier sport. The three-day session at Valencia's Cheste Circuit will be the first of four in February before the season-opening Bahrain Grand Prix on March 14. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Federer wins 16th Grand Slam

Roger Federer experienced quite a range of emotions these past two Australian Opens.

A year ago, he sobbed on court after losing a thrilling final in five sets.

Federer was all smiles yesterday after rather easily beating Andy Murray 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (11) for a fourth championship in Melbourne and 16th Grand Slam title overall.

"All of a sudden, it was over, and it hit me," Federer said.

"It was very much a roller coaster."

While Murray missed a chance to end a drought for British men at Grand Slam tournaments that stretches all the way to 1936, Federer became the first dad to win a major singles title since 2003.

He also now can aim at a true, calendar-year Grand Slam, something no man has accomplished since 1969.

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Roger Federer kisses the trophy yesterday after beating Andy Murray to win the men's singles final at the Australian Open.

"I'm over the moon winning this again. I played some of my best tennis in my life these last two weeks."

Roger Federer

"I'm over the moon winning this again," the 28-year-old Swiss star said.

"I played some of my best tennis in my life these last two weeks. It's also very special — the first Grand Slam as a father."

Federer had only recently discovered he was to become the father of twins when he lost the Australian Open final in five wrenching sets against rival Rafael Nadal last year, then broke down during the presentation.

This time, Federer was in control of the action pretty much throughout against Murray, and afterward it was the 22-year-old from Scotland whose voice was breaking and who was choking back tears.

"I can cry like Roger," Murray said. "It's just a shame I can't play like him."

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Maple Leafs acquire Phaneuf, Giguere in blockbuster trades

NHL The Toronto Maple Leafs sacrificed offence for work ethic yesterday — and GM Brian Burke is hoping the two big-name players he acquired will rub off on their new teammates.

Burke pulled the trigger on a pair of blockbuster trades, shipping out six players to acquire all-star defenceman Dion Phaneuf from the Calgary Flames and goalie J.S. Giguere from the Anaheim Ducks.

Toronto had high hopes coming into the season, with Burke believing his team had a shot at making the playoffs for the first time in five years.

Instead, a porous defence and lacklustre goaltending have contributed to the Maple Leafs (17-28-11) boasting the second-worst record in the league.

Burke dealt with both weaknesses yesterday and said after announcing the trades that his team needed more players who led by example — players like Phaneuf and Giguere.

In the Calgary deal, the Leafs also acquired six-foot-six defenceman Keith Aulie and winger Fredrik Sjostrom. In exchange, Toronto gave up defenceman Ian White and forwards Matt Stajan, Niklas Hagman and Jamal Mayers.

The Leafs sent goalie Vesa Toskala and winger Jason Blake to Anaheim in exchange for Giguere, who became expendable after the Ducks signed No. 1 goalie Jonas Hiller to a four-year extension Saturday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in brief

CURLING Defending champion Jennifer Jones and Alberta's Valerie Sweeting both improved to 2-0 yesterday at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. Sweeting scored six in the sixth and four more in the seventh to dispatch P.E.I's Kathy O'Rourke 13-2 in seven ends in the third draw.

BASEBALL Prince Fielder says there's no urgency in negotiating for a new contract and that he wants to stay in Milwaukee as long as possible.

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Games shouldn't go unseen

It's Called Football

Ben Rycroft

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There was a time when I would tell anyone who would listen that soccer would soon eclipse every major sport in this country — including hockey.

I would point to the slow demise of baseball in Toronto, the youth participation numbers across Canada outstripping any other sport and the rise of professional franchises in cities like Montreal, Vancouver and Toronto as reasons why the next generation in Canada would be an Adidas Generation.

It was often an argument that was one part smart-ass, one part self-delusion and two parts self-preservation (there aren't a lot of national soccer columns in this country).

And after a few pints at the pub I'll still tell any Blue Jays-cap wearing nutbar to enjoy the team while he can — I have to be honest about a few things.

One — domestic soccer here just doesn't draw traditional TV ratings. Whether it is for the national team or one of the Whitecaps, Impact or TFC, it just does not have the same numbers pull as the established sports.

Two — the likes of TSN will continue to ignore the sport as nothing but a niche market until they figure out how to generate revenue from it.

If you look at the coverage SportsCentre provides on any given night, it is always reflective of its own programming. TSN is heavily involved in NHL and CFL coverage and those are the sports that are given priority on any given night.

When it became obvious that no networks were going to broadcast Canada's game last night, I jokingly posted an ad on Craigslist Jamaica asking anyone with a camera and Internet access to broadcast the game for $100.

Needless to say, I didn't get any response from the Jamaicans, but the flood of Canadians who wrote me to ask if I had any luck certainly were interested.

Julian DeGuzman spoke to It's Called Football over the weekend. Listen to the show at metronews.ca/itscalled football

Canadian fans famously crashed pockets of the Macedonian Internet last year when they latched on to several web streams broadcasting a Canadian friendly.

While the rating numbers aren't big enough for the major networks to justify a broadcast, there is a market for games like these.

Toronto FC has recognized this in the past and as a thank you of sorts to their fans broadcast preseason games through their website.

The Canadian Soccer Association could easily do the same. It may not have resources to self-broadcast but with a growing number of private companies like SSN (which broadcasts another niche market — CIS sports) out there, there is no reason now for games like these to go unseen any longer.

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Skicross racer injured, but hoping to compete in Games

The Canadian Olympic freestyle team may be without one of its top medal hopefuls. Skicross racer Julia Murray tore ligaments in her knee during training last weekend but is hoping to compete in the Vancouver Games, the Canadian Ski Cross Team said yesterday in a release. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouver Games

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Canadian skicross teams clean up at Winter X Games

MEDALS Chris Del Bosco and the rest of Canada's skicross team are in prime form heading into the Olympics.

Del Bosco, of Sudbury, Ont., led a men's podium sweep yesterday in the skiercross event at the Winter X Games. Del Bosco edged Dave Duncan of London, Ont., in the final, while Brady Leman of Calgary placed third.

Canada added a pair of medals in women's action. France's Ophelie David finished first in the final, with Ashleigh McIvor of Whistler, B.C., and Kelsey Serwa of Kelowna, B.C., rounding out the top three.

Coming off a win at last week's World Cup competition in Lake Placid, N.Y., Del Bosco jumped ahead in every heat, staving off challenges throughout.

"My game plan today was to get out early and never look back and that's what I did," said Del Bosco

Since learning he had made the Olympic skicross team less than two weeks ago, Del Bosco has been unstoppable, winning every race he has entered.

"I am having fun with what I'm doing and that allows me to ski loose and relaxed," said Del Bosco. "Everything is clicking at the right time and it feels good."

McIvor continued her run of success, surging out to the lead before making a minor error on one of the late jumps — allowing David, the overall World Cup leader, to take advantage. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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U.S. goalie has history of besting Canadians

Jessie Vetter has broken the hearts of Canada's women's hockey team before.

Can she do it again in the biggest game in the sport of women's hockey?

If Canada and the U.S. face each other for the Olympic gold medal Feb. 25, chances are Vetter will be in the American net.

She's had more success against Canada in recent years than any other U.S. goalie

The Americans won two straight world championship finals against Canada for the first time with Vetter in goal.

Canada and the U.S. did not even meet at the 2006 Olympics in Turin, Italy, where the under-prepared Americans were upset in the semifinal by Sweden.

Vetter, who joined the national team the following year, has been the key in her country's resurgence in women's international hockey since then.

Goaltending had traditionally been the Achilles' heel of the U.S. in big games against Canada. That is no longer the case.

"Jessie has gotten us over the hump as far as making the big saves and being under that pressure," U.S. captain Natalie Darwitz said.

"It's difficult to score on her the first opportunity. She gets into people's heads and they may grip their sticks a little bit tighter then."

From April 10, 2008, to Nov. 6, 2009, Vetter carried a 6-1 record versus Canada. Her most recent start was a 3-2 shootout loss on Jan. 1 in Ottawa, where the two countries played the last of six exhibition games prior to the start of the Olympic tournament Feb. 13.

Two of her victories were the world championship finals of 2008 and 2009. Another was the Hockey Canada Cup final on Sept. 6 at Vancouver's GM Place, which will be renamed Canada Hockey Place for the Olympics.

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Jessie Vetter of Team USA looks on during a game against Team Canada in Ottawa on Jan. 1.

.943 Jessie Vetter's career save percentage against Canada prior to a recent pair of defeats was .943, but it has since dropped to .910.

"It's amazing to even been playing in back-to-back worlds in the championship game against a great team like Canada," says the effervescent Vetter.

If anyone can giggle at thousands of Canadian fans trying to get into her head by chanting "Vet-ter, Vet-ter" at Canada Hockey Place, it's this curly haired, 25-year-old from Cottage Grove, Wis.

"I love playing in Canada," Vetter insists. "I just like having people in the stands.

"They will definitely be against the American team and obviously, a goaltender, you obviously stick out. I won't be a fan favourite. I'm looking forward to it and it should be a good time."

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Security cameras worry privacy advocates

PRIVACY A vast network of security cameras set up for the Winter Olympics doesn't go on line officially until today, but it's already nabbed its first miscreant.

The apprehension of the apparently hapless drunk has police crowing about the efficiency of the cameras.

But privacy watchdogs have been nervous about the unprecedented deployment of electronic surveillance in Canada and sought assurances the cameras will be gone as quickly as the athletes after the Games.

"There certainly is this concern about this legacy of cameras and what plans for them will be."
Jim Burrows, B.C. privacy commission rep

More than a thousand new closed-circuit cameras will be in place monitoring the boundaries of Olympic venues and spots in Vancouver and Whistler where crowds will gather.

That doesn't include existing cameras inside venues such as BC Place stadium and Canada Hockey Place, others already mounted in downtown buildings and a handful of cameras controlled by the B.C. government at their Robson Square celebration venue.

The sheer number of them pales in comparison to the thousands keeping an eye on British citizens, but it's by far the largest concentration of state-controlled cameras in any jurisdiction in Canada.

"I guess our concern has remained more the use of cameras after the Olympics rather than during the Olympics," says Jim Burrows, a spokesman for the B.C. Information and Privacy Commission.

"There certainly is this concern about this legacy of cameras and what plans for them will be."

Britain has thousands of government-controlled video cameras and access to images from an estimated four million private security cameras.

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uCalgary ponders tuition hikes for professional programs
The University of Calgary is taking advantage of a one-time offer from the Alberta government to apply for increases in base tuition amounts in certain programs. University officials are proposing tuition hikes of up to 47 per cent in professional programs next year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Vet college on W-5

The University of Guelph's Ontario Veterinary College was the subject of last Saturday's broadcast of CTV's W-5. The episode focused on cancer research at the vet college and explain how treating cancer in animals can assist efforts to understand the disease in humans. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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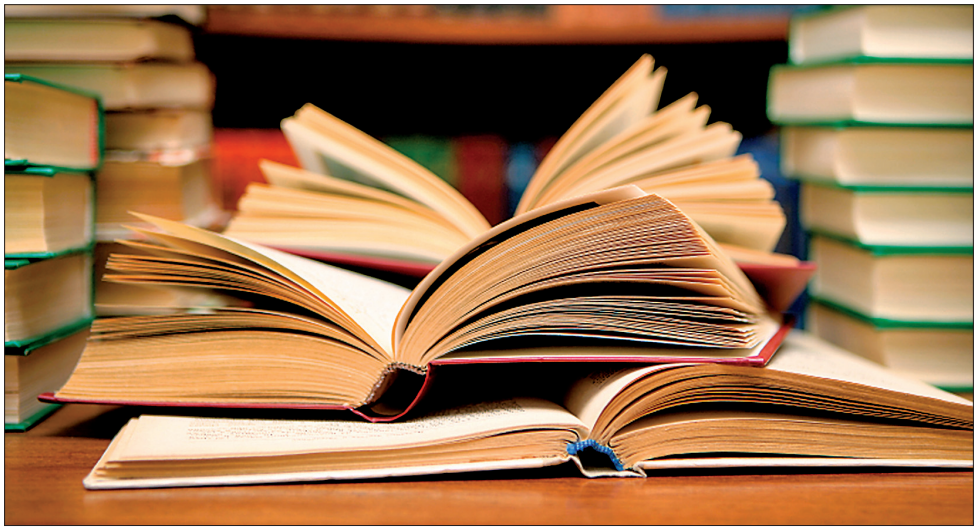
Justifying in hitting the books

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

As university tuition rises while job markets contract, the pressure mounts for institutes of higher learning to justify themselves as job-getting engines. But does an undergrad really make people more employable and is that the purpose of university anyway?

Harold Jarche of Jarche Consulting thinks the "university myth" has been busted by its own popularity.

"With my parents, it was pretty simple: Go to university and get an education because that means you get a better job. But correlation doesn't equal causation — it's not because you've got this schooling that you got the better job, it was because you were part of a small elite," says the Sackville, N.B.-based consultant specializing in integrating work and learning. "I'm not saying university is bad or wrong; I'm saying university is not job preparation."



Getting an undergraduate degree does not necessarily equate to a job, or as one consultant puts it, "university is not job preparation."

The Canadian Council on Learning reports one in five Canadians aged 25 to 44 has a degree. A recent Globe and Mail article said enrolment has jumped by 40 per cent since the early 1990s and tuition has tripled over the same period, saddling students with greater debt. Jobless grads learn the curriculum isn't based on industry needs, as community colleges are, meaning degrees don't line up with work.

Jarche says universities have intrinsic value, but job-focused students should ask themselves: "Is the return on investment worth it?" He suggests an entrepreneur could better invest the money in a start-up business or a tradesmen studying at college.

Jeff Rybak, a Maclean's blogger and the author of What's Wrong With University And How to Make It Work For You Anyway, says universities reluctantly took the role of job engines.

"Universities don't want to be the gateway to the job market, but as tuition is rising they're stuck having to justify what they're doing in economic terms," says the law student at the University of Toronto.

> **"I'm not saying university is bad or wrong; I'm saying university is not job preparation."**
> Consultant
> Harold Jarche

Some students are at university to learn, some because they want to be accountants and some are just there because "they have absolutely no way of explaining to their parents that they're not going. That's when you're really screwed," he says.

It's the "holding pen" drifters who are just wasting time and money. Rybak urges them to instead follow the British example of the "gap year" after high school to travel and decide what you really want to do next — and whether university will help you do it.

Workology in **brief**

UOTTAWA WAIVES TUITION, RESIDENCE FEES FOR HAITIAN STUDENTS The University of Ottawa announced last week it will cover tuition and residence fees this term for the 23 Haitian students attending the institution on a student visa. Shortly after the earthquake, uOttawa president Allan Rock met with the students, some of whom were grieving lost relatives, others unsure of the whereabouts of their families.

EXPELLED MCMASTER STUDENT RECEIVES JAIL SENTENCE FOR RESIDENCE FIRE A former McMaster University student was sentenced last week to two years less a day in jail for an October 2008 arson that endangered the lives of fellow residents of a university dormitory and cost McMaster more than $5 million. Emerson Pardoe, a first-year student at the time, set of pile of newspapers on fire as he was riding the elevator to the third floor of Brandon Hall.

CHARGES DROPPED AGAINST UWO STUDENT SUBJECT OF VIDEO-CAPTURED ARREST Charges have been dropped against Irnes Zjelkovic, a 22-year-old University of Western Ontario student whose violent arrest on campus in October was caught on video and posted on YouTube. The Crown agreed to stay the charges as long as Zjelkovic continues to receive psychiatric treatment.

$32 MILLION FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS IN N.B., P.E.I. The federal government announced last week nearly $32 million under the Atlantic Innovation Fund for research and development projects in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

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uWinnipeg ordered to pay nearly $9 million to pension plan members

A Manitoba pension commission has ruled that the University of Winnipeg must pay $8.8 million to over 600 current and retired staff over the next few months. In order to do so, uWinnipeg had to take out a 40-year loan, which will end up costing $24 million once it has been paid off. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sponsorship, years in the making

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

Odd Jobs

Diane Peters

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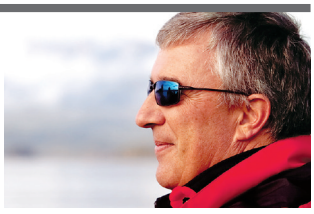
Mickael Vinet, left, torch relay manager, and Nicola Kettlitz, Vancouver 2010 Olympic sponsorship organizer, bump fists on the way to the Queen Charlotte Islands, B.C.

"How often in a big company like Coke do you get the opportunity to start something from scratch? I took the job in Torino somewhat reluctantly. It turned out to be the best job of my life." Coca Cola sponsorship organizer Nicola Kettlitz



Like it or not, major sports events like the Olympics need corporate sponsors to help pay the bills. And those sponsors need someone to run the show.

For Coca Cola, that person is Nicola Kettlitz, 47. From support on the torch relay to providing entertainment and refreshments at the games, Kettlitz has organized it all.

Born in Italy, Kettlitz was raised in Brazil and did his undergraduate degree and MBA in the U.S.

He started his career working with Chrysler in Detroit, and was later recruited by Coke's head office in Atlanta.

The company then sent him back to Italy, where he rose to the country's top job for the company.

But Kettlitz was used to travel and change. So when Coke needed someone to head up sponsorship for the 2006 games in Torino, Kettlitz took the job — after some hesitation.

"How often in a big company like Coke do you get the opportunity to start something from scratch? I took the job in Torino somewhat reluctantly. It turned out to be the best job of my life."

After the games ended, Kettlitz packed up his wife and daughter to move back to Atlanta — then Coke's Canadian office called, asking him to organize the 2010 games. He redirected a shipment of furniture and moved to Vancouver three years ago.

The job started with about two years of planning. For the relay, for instance, Kettlitz had to decide how to choose 4,500 torch bearers (he eventually settled on getting people to write essays about how they're living greener), and plan how the company would take care of bearers and provide entertainment on the route.

Kettlitz has spent the last year hiring staff and seeing his ideas come to life. He's been following the torch as much as possible: When he does he pretty much lives out of his car and answers his BlackBerry constantly.

Now, he's back in Vancouver hiring more staff: He'll have 600 in total once the games start. He'll put the finishing touches on how Coke will sell drinks and provide refreshments free for staff and athletes at sports venues, and pull together programming for Coke's special events venues, like the 8,500 square foot tent in downtown Vancouver.

During the game, Kettlitz will constantly drop in on the venues to encourage staff and deal with problems; plus he'll be showing Coke's executives and clients around.

Those will be long days: He'll crash at a downtown Vancouver apartment during the games. When it's over, he expects lots of tears. "I cried at the end of Torino. You don't want it to be over."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The Lowdown

Job title: Sponsorship organizer
Salary: "I run a business: It's a high level job."
Training/education: MBA and experience
Best Part of the Job: "Meeting all the happy people along the road. Working with teams that are very passionate about what they're doing."
Worst Part of the Job: "It ends. February 28 at 6 p.m. it's all over."

Book details ways to stick with change

Book Review

Switch

Author: Chip Heath & Dan Heath
Publisher: Random House
Price: $32

Its the first day of February ... are you still on track with those New Years resolutions? According to brotherly duo Chip and Dan Heath, resisting temptation is exhausting. Following their wildly successful book Made to Stick, the Heaths embarked on figuring out the mechanics of change.

Change is never easy, mostly because change means doing something differently or against your emotional desire. One example given in the book is of an experiment to reduce saturated fat intake for a population. To say "eat healthy" is far too vague and does not give clear direction. In the experiment, whole milk was identified as the major culprit in American fat intake. The solution: Get Americans to switch to a lower-fat version of milk using a catchy PSA. The result was a jump for skim milk from 18 per cent to 41 per cent in market share. "What looks like resistance is lack of clarity" said the Heaths.

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Parks and Recreation renewed

Parks and Recreation has been renewed early for next season, TVGuide.com has confirmed. The Amy Poehler-led sitcom takes a behind-the-scenes look at small-town bureaucracy in an Indiana-area parks department. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Entertainment

Rise to FAME

E! Online reports that Bluewater Comics is producing a 32-page comic book entitled FAME: Robert Pattinson, which will chronicle the actor's rise to stardom.

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Beyoncé sets pace at Grammys

The 52nd Grammy Awards have been billed as "ladies' night," and Beyoncé, Taylor Swift and Lady Gaga were leading the way in the early going last night.

Near the midway point, Beyoncé led the pack with six awards, including song of the year for the omnipresent Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It), while Swift claimed three and Gaga had two.

All three of the feted 20-something pop stars were still scheduled to compete in two of the show's remaining marquee categories: Album of the year and record of the year.

The Black Eyed Peas had three trophies while Maxwell, Jay-Z, Eminem, Jason Mraz, Bela Fleck and Kings of Leon were each two-time winners.

Canadians Neil Young and Michael J. Fox both won their first-ever Grammy prizes, while Vancouver's Michael Buble took his second career award.

Hours after Swift won two awards during the non-televised pre-show (and held the trophy up, exclaiming in disbelief: "This is a Grammy!"), she climbed the Staples Center stage again to claim the prize for best country album.

"I just keep thinking back to when you're in second grade and you sing at your talent show for the first time and people joke around and say: 'Maybe we'll see you at the Grammys someday,' and that just feels like an impossible dream," said Swift.

Beyoncé also won best R&B contemporary album for I Am ... Sasha Fierce, best R&B female vocal for Single Ladies, best traditional R&B performance for At Last and best R&B song, while Gaga earned trophies for best dance recording (Poker Face) and best electronic/dance album (The Fame).

The platinum-blond electro-pop oddball also opened the evening on a typically bizarre note.

With a sign hanging overhead reading The Fame Factory, Gaga vamped through a verse of her Poker Face with the stage dressed up with industrial props and smoke puffing out of steel pipes. Wearing a sparkling green unitard with matching high heels, Gaga was then thrown into a fire-filled vat while a dancer chanted "she's a monster."

Below was a double-sided piano with prop arms growing out of it and Elton John positioned on the other side (with his face made up to look scorched by flames). The two then performed a duet of Your Song and Gaga's Speechless. "Take my picture Hollywood, I wanna be a star!" she screamed.

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Multiple Grammy winner Taylor Swift accepts the award for best country album.

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The Black Eyed Peas pose together on the red carpet.

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Lady Gaga, above, performs at the 52nd annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles last night.

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Slash and Jamie Foxx perform together on the Grammy stage.

GETTY IMAGES PHOTO

Stephen Colbert accepts the award for best comedy album.

Grammy Winners

- The following is a partial list of Grammy Award winners:

Record of the Year: Use Somebody, Kings of Leon
Best Rock Album: 21st Century Breakdown, Green Day
Best New Artist: Zac Brown Band
Best Country Album: Fearless, Taylor Swift
Best Comedy Album: A Colbert Christmas: The Greatest Gift of All!, Stephen Colbert
Female Pop Vocal Perfromance: Halo, Beyoncé
Best Male Pop Vocal Performance: Make It Mine, Jason Mraz
Best Pop Performance By A Duo Or Group With Vocals: I Gotta Feeling, Black Eyed Peas
Best Rap/Sung Collaboration: Run This Town, Jay-Z, Rihanna and Kanye West

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Neil Young wins Grammy

Young

PEOPLE Neil Young has his first Grammy Award.

The Toronto-born rock legend claimed a trophy for best boxed or special limited edition package for his Archives collection.

Young was already honoured over the weekend as the MusiCares person of the year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Box office

Estimated ticket sales for Friday, Jan. 29 through Sunday, Jane.. 31 at U.S. and Canadian theatres, according to studio figures:

1. **Avatar:** $30 million US
2. **Edge Of Darkness:** $17.1 million
3. **When In Rome:** $12.1 million
4. **Tooth Fairy:** $10 million
5. **The Book Of Eli:** $8.8 million
6. **Legion:** $6.8 million
7. **The Lovely Bones:** $4.7 million
8. **Sherlock Holmes:** $4.5 million
9. **Alvin And The Chipmunks The Squeakuel:** $4 million
10. **It's Complicated:** $3.7 million

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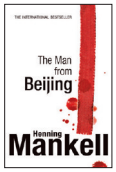
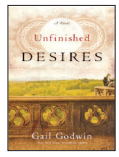
Chinese slaves and the U.S.





BookPicks

The Man from Beijing

Author: Henning Mankel
Publisher: Knopf Canada
Price: $32 (Hardcover)

THE HISTORY OF slave trading between China and the United States rears its head in modern day Sweden, in Henning Mankel's latest political crime thriller The Man from Beijing. A single red ribbon is all that remains after the savage slaughter of residents of the Swedish hamlet Hesjövallen. The killings hit close to home for local judge Birgitta Roslin, whose grandparents were two of the victims. When Birgitta finds a diary from the 1800s, it sends her on an international journey where she discovers a plot for vengeance spawned by past ill treatment of Chinese slaves with a solid link to the crime.

True Confections

Author: Katharine Weber
Publisher: Shaye Areheart Book
Price: $26.95 (Hardcover)

MARRYING INTO the Ziplinsky family, the pedigree of the established Zip's Candies, hasn't been so sweet to Alice Tatnall Ziplinsky. An incessant approval seeker, Alice wants to live up to the family's demands while working at the candy factory it built its lineage on. When Alice inherits the bulk of the operation in its darker days, she sets out to prove herself by uncovering the company's history, all the way back to its Hungarian immigrant founder Eli. Her quest unfurls a storied tale involving runaway slaves and an intended 20th century settlement for European Jews, all ingredients in Zip's Candies fantastic past.

Unfinished Desires

Author: Gail Godwin
Publisher: Random House
Price: $32.00 (Hardcover)

AFTER MORE than 60 years teaching young girls at North Carolina private school Mount St. Gabriel's, Mother Suzanne Rayenel has a lot of stories to fill the memoir she's writing as Unfinished Desires unfolds. But no time sticks out more for her than 1951, when freshly orphaned Chloe Starnes arrives to the school around the same time as the young nun teacher Mother Malloy. Their presence shakes up the exclusive social circle of Tildy Stratton and everyone feels the effects. It's not until the girls find a play written by Mother Rayenel herself that they're able to discover themselves and each other a little bit better.

Brian Coulton/for Metro Canada

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Two new baby ... dogs.
Oprah sure knows how to treat herself — she celebrated her 56th birthday on Jan. 29 with two new family members, 14-week-old springer spaniel siblings Sunny and Lauren, people.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Just a regular date night

YOU KNOW, BUT WEARING A $6,000 GOWN Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie stepped out Saturday night to attend the Directors Guild of America Awards in Los Angeles — and observers say the couple was as happy as can be, people.com reports.

"They looked very giggly," an onlooker told People.

Pitt, who was at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza to introduce his Inglourious Basterds director Quentin Tarantino, was an attentive companion to Jolie, a surprise guest, who wore a gray, single-shoulder Elie Saab gown with gold hoop earrings by Ofira Schwartz, Stuart Weitzman shoes and a vintage bag.

Pitt, whose curious beard has been trimmed, pulled Jolie's chair out for her and touched her back throughout the night as they chatted animatedly with Tarantino at a table of colleagues from the film.

"They look like they are having a fun time," says an onlooker of the couple as they worked the room. "It's definitely a date."

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Song from a cheating heart

LA LA LA, I'M LEAVING YOU Before launching into a cover of Patty Griffin's Let Him Fly Friday night, LeAnn Rimes told the crowd at Las Vegas's Eastside Cannery, "This song spoke to me in the past few years, especially the past year. One of the hardest things in life is to let someone go that you really love," people.com reports.

Rimes sang, "It took a while to understand the beauty of just letting go, 'cause it would take an acrobat, I already tried all that."

"I think Griffin hit it right on the head with this song," she said.

People.com wonders is she singing about Dean Sheremet, her husband of nearly eight years.

The couple reached a divorce settlement last month, though the two will remain married until June 19, 2010.

Their marriage crumbled as Rimes began a relationship with actor Eddie Cibrian, who she met on the set of a movie they filmed together.

Cibrian, who was also married at the time, is now divorcing Brandi Glanville.

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Get him off! Get him off!

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK Rumours of Blake Fielder-Civil's cheating may have derailed Amy Winehouse's plans to remarry him, and she's now looking to erase him from her skin as well, tattoo artist Henry Hale tells the Sun. Hale says that Winehouse is looking to have her "Blake" tattoo on her chest covered up. "I didn't ask her what her reasons were. I imagined she wanted to move on," he tells the newspaper.

"She was just like, 'It needs to go.' She wanted it covered."

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She doesn't want to butt out

BECAUSE SMOKING TASTES DELICIOUS Gossip Girl star Taylor Momsen is taking flak after photos surfaced from the set of her series showing the 16-year-old puffing away on a cigarette.

"She really has an extra responsibility to bear as an actress idolized by little girls out there," Foundation for a Smoke-Free America director Patrick Reynolds tells Us Weekly. "For her to be smoking sends the wrong message to kids." Momsen, however, is undaunted.

"I didn't get into this to be a role model," she recently told the U.K. Times. "So I'm sorry if I'm influencing your kids in a way that you don't like, but I can't be responsible for their actions. I don't care."

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Smelling Spencer's roses

OR SHE WOULD IF SHE DIDN'T HAVE BANDAGES COVERING HER NEW NOSE Heidi Montag is reportedly getting hate mail because of her highly publicized plastic surgery spree, according to Life & Style, and husband Spencer Pratt is doing what he can to help.

"Spencer ordered about seven bunches of flowers to cheer up Heidi because she'd received a letter or an e-mail saying that her plastic surgery was against God's will," a source tells the magazine. "Heidi's apparently very spiritual, so this kind of criticism really stings."

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Prioritizing all over the place

FAMILY OVER FAME? Nick Cannon insists he and Mariah Carey are looking to start a family once they can find some time in their busy work schedules.

"We absolutely plan to have a family. But we gotta prioritize, because that's a major, major priority," he tells MTV News. "That's like the only priority in life, when you think about it, is starting and raising a family. We wanna make sure everything is out of the way and that we don't have any distractions."

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MARTHA STEWART is looking for support, **AARON CARTER** doesn't want you to worry about him, **PAOLO COELHO** isn't thrilled with who's helping Brazil prep for the Olympics, and **TILA TEQUILA** has some worries about parenthood.

@MarthaStewart by the way i would like to get to 2 million followers this week to win a bet (also lose a bet) any ideas?

@AARONCARTER7 No one should worry Im like Mohammed Ali I will succeed I will reach the top no matter what da haters say! Keep hating it keeps me motivated

@paolocoelho Tony Blair deserves Hague, not Rio. Governor Sergio Cabral, please don't do that. I was in Copenhagen for athletes, not for murderers.

@OfficialTila I dont know the sex of my child yet but I hope its a boy! Cuz if its a girl shes gonna be HELLA FINE & ALL the guys will be on her! headache Damon.

METRO WORLD NEWS

A healthy appetite

AND A HIGHLY ACTIVE METABOLISM, RIGHT? Nicole Richie still takes issues with reports from several years ago that claimed she was anorexic after the Simple Life star dropped a considerable amount of weight quickly in 2006.

"I felt it was a little unfair to say someone has an eating disorder when they don't," she tells Marie Clare magazine. "It's extremely insulting and irresponsible. An eating disorder is serious and it's a disease."

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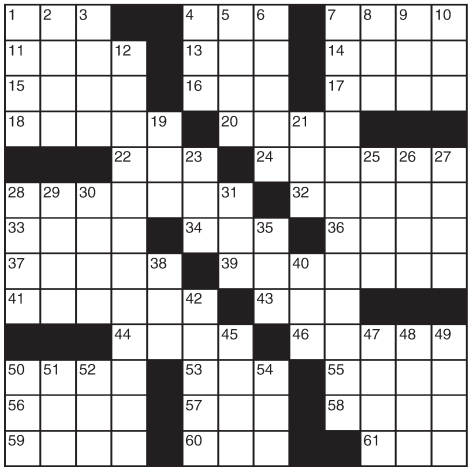

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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4 Springtime mo.
7 Reed instrument
11 Lisa, ex of "The View"
13 H1N1, for example
14 Tarzan's transport
15 Smell
16 Spinning toy
17 Paradise
18 Hiawatha's craft
20 Have on
22 Actress Merkel
24 Poor substitute
28 Baby sitter, often
32 Actress Sevigny
33 Fat
34 Sort
36 Competent
37 Pruritic
39 Summer footwear
41 Advantage
43 As well
44 Sea bird
46 Spin
50 Start a garden
53 Melody
55 Reverberate
56 Entreaty
57 Possibly will
58 Serves the purpose
59 Partner in crime
60 Before
61 Singer — "King" Cole

DOWN

1 United nations
2 Verdi opera
3 In due time
4 Sternward
5 Clear the streets of snow
6 Money of India
7 Was more important than
8 Auction action
9 Inseparable
10 Still, in verse
12 February 2nd
19 Conclu-sion
21 Joan of —
23 Parisian pal
25 Actress Jessica
26 Highway payment
27 Zorro's marks
28 Smooth-talking
29 Assess
30 — enemy
31 Capp and Capone
35 "Krazy —"
38 Thee
40 "... or — to be"
42 Lighter output
45 Storyteller
47 PC picture
48 Comedian Caroline
49 Missing
50 Hot tub
51 Right angle
52 Slithery fish
54 "Catcher in the —"

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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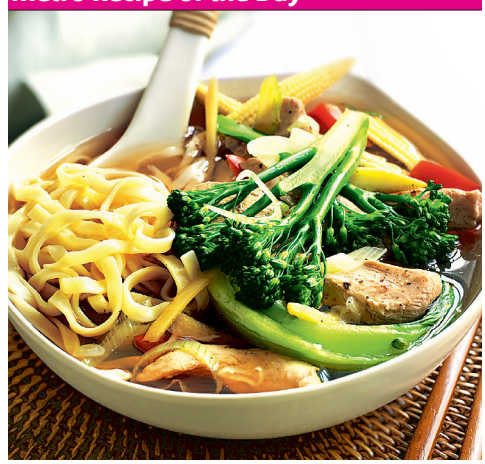
Metro Recipe of the Day



Aromatic Chicken and Vegetable Steamboat

INGREDIENTS:

1 lb (500 g) skinless boneless chicken breasts, thin strips
1/2 tsp (2 mL) five-spice powder
2 tbsp (25 mL) soy sauce
1 1/4-in. (3-cm) piece fresh ginger, peeled and chopped
1 celery stick, sliced
1 garlic clove, sliced
1 strip lemon peel
6 cups (1.5 L) chicken stock
1 red pepper, chunks
1/2 lb (250 g) baby corn
7 oz (200 g) broccoli florets
2 scallions, thinly sliced
1/2 lb (250 g) rice noodles
1/2 lb (250 g) bok choy, quartered lengthwise

METHOD:

1. Put chicken into bowl. Add five-spice powder and soy sauce, and mix well. Set aside.
2. Put ginger into pot with celery, garlic, lemon peel and stock. Boil, then reduce heat. Cover and simmer 5 minutes.
3. Add chicken to stock, then add red pepper, corn and broccoli. Bring back to boil and simmer until chicken is cooked and vegetables are barely tender.
4. Add scallions and noodles; stir, then bring back to boil. Lay bok choy over top and simmer or until bok choy leaves are wilted and noodles are cooked.
5. ladle cooked ingredients into bowls with broth.

SERVES 4

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Someone you meet out there in the big wide world will become an important person in your life over the next few months.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Something you hear will make you feel a lot better about your money situation today. It will also make you realize how silly it is to fear the worst.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You will be inspired to try again at something you have almost but not quite given up on. You have what it takes to be a winner.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You will receive some news from a close friend or relative today that puts a more positive slant on something you have been worrying about.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Do you believe in yourself? You should, because if you believe in yourself then all things are possible. Fame and fortune await you.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Don't bother trying to predict how someone is going to act because you are on completely different wavelengths.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
The Sun in your fellow Air sign of Aquarius means you are sending out a lot of highly positive signals at the moment.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Good news about your money situation will arrive out of the blue but you may not see it as good news if you are in one of your more negative moods.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
It will pay you to listen to what friends and colleagues have to tell you today, even if what they say is not what you were hoping to hear.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Get the week off to a flying start. Even those who know you best will think you have taken leave of your senses but they could not be more wrong.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
You have an ability to see things that other people miss, things that can be turned to your advantage.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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